

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/945,340
Response to Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 29, 2005
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of April 13, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 13, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office alleged that claim 13 had markings for an amendment, but the status indicator indicated "withdrawn." The Applicants believe that this was the correct status indicator since this claim is withdrawn and only one status indicator may be used per claim. However, to assist the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this matter, the Applicants have re-submitted the corrected section, namely the claim section, and have indicated that claim 11 is "currently amended."

All of the remarks as set forth in the Amendment dated March 28, 2005 are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein and do not need to be re-submitted since the remarks do not involve the "corrected section."

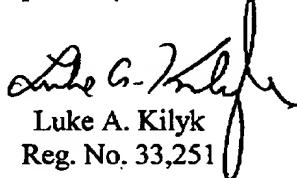
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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